



# What's New at Chi Chi's

June 2017



## Program Spotlight: 8th Graders Graduate and Higher Learning Scholarships Awarded to Two Deserving Students



In May, we said goodbye to an amazing 8th grade class as they continue on their Journey to Success with high school. During graduation, each student spoke about their time at Chi Chi's and thanked those who supported them. Academy Executive Committee Member Scott Brown awarded two Higher Learning Scholarships to Kyra and Ta'miya. The scholarship recognizes high achieving students with up to \$4,000 each for college or other higher learning post high school graduation. We look forward to watching them grow through their high school years. Congratulations class of 2017, we know you will make us proud!

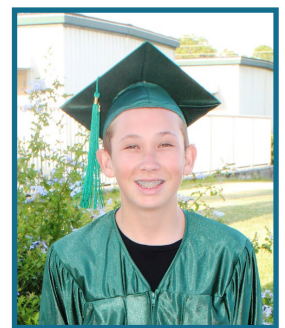
Top: Academy Executive Committee Member Scott Brown and Board Member Bill Wickett with Nicolas, Kyra and Sayre; Middle Left: Scholarship Recipients Ta'miya and Kyra; Middle Right: Academy Director Mrs. Pecci presents Kevin with his certificate; Bottom: Jaden with middle school assistant teacher Ms. Cortiula



"Chi Chi's has changed my life. It is a school with benefits that no other middle school has...this school has been really helpful for me." ~Hailey



"Chi Chi Academy has helped me improve my grades...I have supportive teachers who help when I am having a difficult time." ~Nicolas



### Upcoming Events

Chi Chi Charity Classic  
Sunday & Monday, November 12th & 13th  
Chi Chi Golf Club

Music 'n Mistletoe  
Holiday Event  
TBD



*Mission: To assist at risk children by improving their self-esteem, character, work ethic, social adjustment, and academic performance using the golf course as a living classroom.*

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### Academy Executive Committee

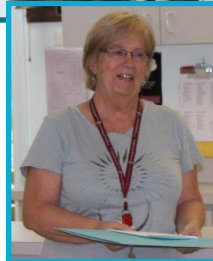
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## Grounds Maintenance Area Gets a Major Clean Up Thanks to Nielsen



Top Left: Volunteers painting the main maintenance building;  
Top Right: Volunteers on the course painting hole signs;  
Bottom: The whole group posing for an after photo  
Right: The new equipment washpad and chemical shed

The Foundation is hard at work making capital improvements, with the mission to provide a unique learning environment that's safe for our students. This May, over 30 volunteers from Nielsen in Oldsmar came to work at Chi Chi's for Nielsen Global Impact Day! Projects included painting all Grounds Maintenance buildings, the new sand bin, course hole signs and tee box markers. This day completed the major renovations at the Grounds Maintenance area, including a new equipment wash pad, chemical shed, landscaping and building repairs. Students took time to meet the volunteers and see the valuable lesson in giving back to your community.



Top: Mrs. Brown with Mrs. Bartlett and the 5th grade class; Bottom Left: Mrs. Brown accepts a card from the Foundation and the students; Bottom Right: 7th grader Shawna takes a moment to thank Mrs. Brown.

## Mrs. Brown Retires after 18 Years at the Academy

Lou Ann Brown has been the 5th grade assistant for 18 years serving under three different teachers. Her genuine care and support for the students was felt not only by the students but all who witnessed her interactions. The entire school celebrated during the last week with cupcakes, tears and hugs as they wished her well on her next adventure of retirement.

Thank you Lou Ann for your huge impact on our students over the years!  
You will be greatly missed!

### Did You Know...?

Many companies match individual donations or volunteer hours their employees give to charities!

Some companies, like IBM, even donate to charities that their retired employees volunteer for each year. If you donate or volunteer, check with your employer about their matching gift policies. This is an easy way to increase or double your gift to your favorite non-profit every year.